



**Department for Children and Families
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Dear Parents, Child Care Providers and Community Partners,

The Vermont Child Development Division (CDD) is looking for feedback from parents of young children and school age children using or seeking child care.

Given the current budget challenges Vermont is facing, all state agencies are considering how to use available resources to most effectively support and inform Vermont's citizens. At CDD we are considering changes to our current system of child care referral services. These services are intended to provide families with general information about choosing child care that support their child's development and well-being as well as specific information about licensed and registered child care providers in their community. One of the things we want to know is how parents usually get information about child care and make choices that work for their family.

We invite all parents to provide feedback directly through an online survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/c4c_parent_survey

We ask child care providers and community partners to tell parents about the survey by sending or handing out this information to parents you know.

This survey is completely confidential. No individual information about families who respond will be shared in any way. The information from this survey will inform a proposal about streamlining child care referral services that will be submitted to the Vermont Legislature in January. It will also help CDD provide responsive services for families. The survey also provides an opportunity for parents to volunteer to continue a dialogue with CDD about services for their children and support for their families.

Questions about this survey can be directed to Heather Mattison at 802-241-4551 or 800-649-2642, or can be emailed to heather.mattison@ahs.state.vt.us

Many thanks for your help in gathering this information and helping us to provide high quality and responsive services to Vermont families.

Sincerely,

The Child Development Division at Vermont Department for Children and Families

